

Courtesy OHSU

A dentist in the Kaiser Permanente system gives a flu shot to a patient during a dental visit.

Dentists now able to give flu shots

Health officials urge people to get flu shots this year especially because COVID-19 symptoms closely resemble those of the flu.

A bill backed by the Oregon Dental Association last year was approved by the state legislature allowing dentists to give flu shots.

In addition to expanding access to flu shots, the goal is

ODE makes it formal: black lives matter

The Oregon State Board of Education passed a resolution in October declaring "Black Lives Matter."

The resolution supports justice and dignity for all people of color and renews the board's commitment to anti-racism, equity, and access to education as a core value, according to a press release.

The resolution also urges school districts, charter schools, and education service districts to take action to support black students, educators, and community members including renewing their commitment to anti-racism and strengthening networks of support for students and families who are experiencing increased harassment, violence, bullying, or hatred based on race.

to increase readiness for rolling out an eventual COVID vaccine.

House Bill 2220 made Oregon the first state to allow dentists to offer any vaccination to their patients. Two other states allow dentists to give vaccines, but only against the flu and only for adults.

Oregon Health Sciences University School of Dentistry rolled out the program. Dentists in the Kaiser Permanente system have been through the training program and OHSU will provide additional hands-on vaccination training for more Oregon dentists this month.

Live science classes help in home-schooling

A series of educational science programs held each year at Hatfield Visitor Center in Newport are available to participants via their computers this year.

Oregon Sea Grant's Marine Education Program includes five home-school classes and two career-exploration webinars.

Parents and guardians are expected to join their children in the home-school activities.

After registering, participants will receive activity supplies in the mail to use during their online classes. Each class is \$25.

- Ocean Engineer, for grades 2 through 7, is from 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 10.

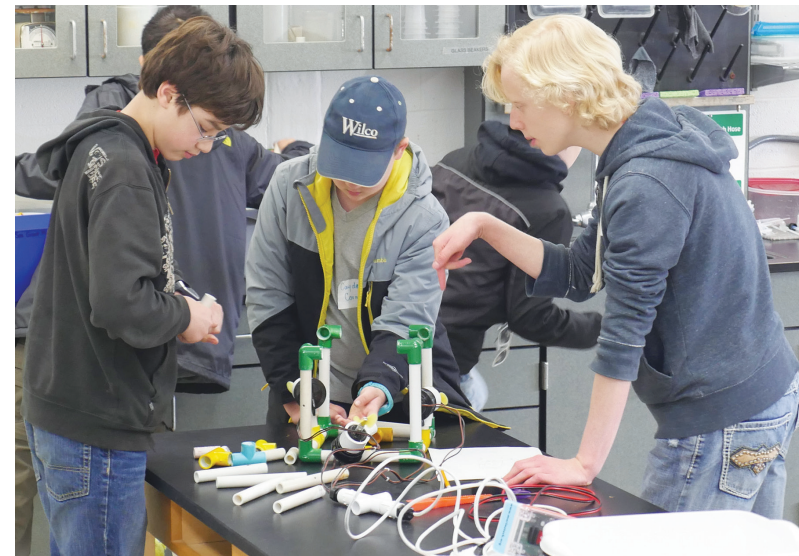
- Habitat Explorer, for grades pre-K through 3, is from 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 12.

- Marine Technology, for grades 6 through 12, is from 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 13.

- Human Impacts, for grades 6 through 12, is from 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 17.

- Animal Observer, for grades 2 through 7, is from 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 19.

The career-day webinars feature local coastal scientists who talk about their work



Above: Middle schoolers build a remote-controlled device at Hatfield Marine Science Center.

Right: Children look at sea life during a spring Home-School activity.

Courtesy Oregon Sea Grant



and how they got into their field. The webinars are free, but registration is required.

Career-day classes for those in middle school and high school include:

- Careers in Science Investigation, 4 to 5 p.m. Nov. 18 and Dec. 2.

- Growing Engineers and Marine Scientists, 4 to 5 p.m. Dec. 9 and 16.

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